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From: Ursa Heidinger [Personal Privacy/Ex. 6]
Sent: 12/1/2022 9:47:53 PM
To: lisa garcia [Personal Privacy/Ex. 6]; Garcia, Lisa [Garcia.Lisa@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Ursa Heidinger - NYU Law 2L

Hi Lisa,

I hope you've been well! It's been really exciting to follow your move to EPA Region 2 over the past year, and I hope you have been enjoying it there.

I'm writing because I am now applying for post-graduate jobs, and I have an interview with EPA's Environmental Appeals Board for their Honors Clerkship Program on Monday at 12:30pm. I am extremely excited about the opportunity and think it would be an incredible place to go after I graduate from NYU Law this spring. I know Monday is fast approaching and that you have a very busy schedule, but I was wondering if you might have a moment to speak with me about EPA or to email me any advice you have about the position or the Board before the interview.

Of course, I more than understand if you don't have time or can't get back to me before Monday, but I just wanted to update you on where I am in my search and to reach out, as you are so knowledgeable about the field.

All the best,
Ursa

On Wed, Dec 22, 2021 at 11:26 AM Ursa Heidinger <[Personal Privacy/Ex. 6]> wrote:
Thank you so much! I'm really excited.

I will definitely reach out to Melissa and Joan once I'm there and will absolutely tell them you say hello! I'm so curious about all of these different "tools" and am really looking forward to learning about litigation and policy building.

Thank you again for all of your help. I hope you have a happy new year and holidays as well!

All the best,
Ursa

On Sun, Dec 19, 2021 at 5:23 PM lisa garcia <[Personal Privacy/Ex. 6]> wrote:
Hi Ursa-
Congrats!

This is wonderful news!! As I mentioned NRDC will be great because they use all different "tools" to get at change.

You should reach out to Melissa Lin Perrella - who is now head of equity, but was the lead EJ lawyer before getting promoted. She is the person I was hoping to connect you with, but we were both so busy with new roles, it was hard to connect. NRDC is great!

Joan Matthews is in the water division and most recently switched from litigated to working on legislation in NY that I believe Governor Hochul is about to sign. When you start reach out to her too- and of course say I say hello!

Have a great holiday season and very happy new year!

Lisa

On Dec 14, 2021, at 12:36 PM, Ursa Heidinger wrote:

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Hi Lisa,

I hope you're well!

I wanted to first say congratulations on being appointed the Regional Administrator for EPA Region 2!! That is such a big deal, and I am so excited for you. I can't wait to see what you're able to do there.

I also wanted to update you and let you know that, while I unfortunately didn't get the summer position with Earthjustice, I was offered internships at NRDC's NYC and DC offices! I'm so excited to be at a great environmental NGO and really want to thank you for the help, advice, and insight you gave me on navigating this field. Like you suggested, I'm trying to focus on building skills so that I can be the best advocate I can be, and I hope to learn a lot at NRDC this summer. I also was able to connect with Moneen and really appreciated the opportunity to learn about her career and a little more about Earthjustice. Thank you so much for connecting us.

I hope you get to take a restful break soon and enjoy the holidays.

All the best and thank you again,
Ursa

On Sun, Nov 7, 2021 at 5:52 PM Ursa Heidinger wrote:

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Hi Lisa,

Thank you for reaching out to those colleagues on my behalf! I really appreciate the opportunity to speak with more people in the field. I emailed Moneen and hope to connect with her soon.

I haven't heard back from the Earthjustice Coal Program team yet, but hopefully, in the next week or so, I'll get some news about the summer. In the meantime, I plan to apply to some AGs offices, DOJ ENRD, and a few more NGOs by the end of this week and as their applications open. I'll definitely keep you updated.

Frieda showed me a great picture of you all at the marathon today! It looked like a beautiful day.

Thank you so much again for your insight and help,
Ursa

On Thu, Nov 4, 2021 at 10:40 AM Lisa Garcia wrote:

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Hello-

Hope all is well. So sorry the audio failed towards the end of the discussion!

It turns out Melissa Lin Perella is now the chief equity officer at NRDC, so not sure that is a good fit.

I did speak with Moneen Nasmith at Earthjustice and she said to give her a call to ask any open ended questions about the organization. She also said that there are so many opportunities there once you arrive that you can join different meetings and ask around about all types of work.

Her email is mnasmith@earthjustice.org.

Tell her I said to reach out.

Good luck,
Lisa

On Mon, Nov 1, 2021 at 10:48 AM Ursa Heidinger <Personal Privacy/Ex. 6> wrote:
Hi Lisa,

I hope you're well. I was excited to see that you're moderating the DEI and Anti-Racism panel today; my student group (ELS) is one of the co-sponsors!

I wanted to write to follow up on your offer to connect me with your colleagues at NRDC. If you are still able to put me in touch, I would really appreciate the opportunity to speak with them about their work.

All the best,
Ursa

On Thu, Oct 21, 2021 at 12:22 PM Ursa Heidinger <Personal Privacy/Ex. 6> wrote:
Hi Lisa,

Thank you so much for making the time to talk to me this morning. What you said really resonated with me, and I'm excited about what a career in environmental law/the environmental space could hold. Thank you also for offering to connect me with your colleagues at NRDC; I'll message you in a week or so to follow up.

I hope to see you at a Park Slope block party soon!

All the best and thank you,
Ursa

On Wed, Oct 6, 2021 at 5:40 PM Ursa Heidinger <Personal Privacy/Ex. 6> wrote:
That sounds great! Thank you,

Looking forward to it,
Ursa

On Wed, Oct 6, 2021 at 5:21 PM Lisa Garcia <Personal Privacy/Ex. 6> wrote:
That works for me!
Let's lock in the 21st! Talk then...Have a good week

Lisa

On Wed, Oct 6, 2021 at 4:31 PM Ursa Heidinger <Personal Privacy/Ex. 6> wrote:
Hi Lisa,

Thank you so much for getting back to me and for offering to speak with me! I am so excited to talk with you.

How is 10/21 at 11am?

Thank you,
Ursa

On Wed, Oct 6, 2021 at 4:21 PM Lisa Garcia <Personal Privacy/Ex. 6> wrote:
Hi Ursa-

Thanks for reaching out. Glad Freida connected us!
I would love to chat about opportunities and your interests.

Do you want to set up a call for sometime the week of the 18th?
I'm most available
the 19th between 1pm -3.30pm
or the 21st 11am-3pm
or Friday the 22nd 10.30am-12.30pm

Let me know if any of those work for a 30 minute call.
Looking forward to chatting.

thanks,
lisa

On Wed, Oct 6, 2021 at 3:38 PM Ursa Heidinger <Personal Privacy/Ex. 6> wrote:
Hi Lisa,

I hope you're well! I just wanted to follow up on this, as Frieda mentioned that my original message might not have made it to your inbox.

If you have any time to talk about the field and your experiences, please let me know.

All the best,
Ursa

On Tue, Sep 21, 2021 at 6:49 PM Ursa Heidinger <Personal Privacy/Ex. 6> wrote:
Hi Lisa,

I am a current 2L at NYU Law and plan to practice environmental law. I am extremely passionate about environmental issues, including environmental justice and equitable responses to climate change and other forms of environmental degradation. Frieda is my close family friend and generously offered to connect us after telling me about your experience at EPA and Earthjustice.

Last summer, I interned at the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, where I learned about regulatory enforcement. Currently, I am very interested in impact litigation and have applied to and plan to apply to summer clerkship positions at Earthjustice and the NRDC for 2022. I also hope to clerk after law school.

If you have any time to discuss your experiences, I would love to hear about your work and career and to learn about what opportunities you think could be worthwhile for a student in my position!

My number is [Personal Privacy/Ex. 6], and I've attached my resume.

Thank you,
Ursa

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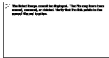
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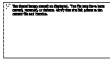


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